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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER OF PLANNING

REF: STATE 45438, BRASILIA 1775

1. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, REIS VELLOSO'S PORTFOLIO ENCOMPASSES SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES AND INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

2. I RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT IN ADDITION TO THE OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND REIS VELLOSO AND SIMONSEN, WHICH IS THE KEY ITEM, THERE IS A CHANCE TO DISCUSS IN AN EXPLORATORY WAY THE MINISTER'S IDEAS ON THE POSSIBLE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE NEW GROUP ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT AS PART OF THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. I AM CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT REIS VELLOSO'S INTEREST WILL BE CENTERED ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING HE CHAIRED.

3. I SUGGEST THAT, ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, YOU INVITE SENIOR RPT SENIOR AID, NSF AND NAS OFFICIALS TO THE LUNCH. AT THE VERY LEAST THIS WOULD INDICATE OUR SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE IN FOLLOWING UP IMMEDIATELY ON THIS ASPECT OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND IN CONFIRMING OUR INTEREST IN GIVING SUBSTANCE AND FORM TO THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM.

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